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Mr. Albert E. Cunliff

Dear Mr. Cunliff:

Admiral Turner has asked me to thank you for your letter of February 21st, and for your kind invitation for him to be the speaker at your 1980 Backstoppers Fall meeting. As much as he would like to participate in such a worthy cause, present plans do not call for the Admiral to be in your area for the foreseeable future.

He appreciates your thinking of him, however, and wishes you all the best for a successful Fall meeting.

Sincerely,



Herbert E. Hetu
Director of Public Affairs

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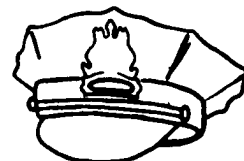
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Admiral Stansfield Turner, Director
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Dear Admiral Turner:

The Backstoppers is an organization of over 600 outstanding civic-minded members in the St. Louis area whose sole purpose is to assist the widows and families of policemen, firemen and law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. When such a death occurs, we immediately give the widow \$2000, see to it that the funeral expense is paid, take care of all outstanding bills, assume the mortgage on the home if there was one, or will pay ten years rent not to exceed \$12,000, assist the children in obtaining a college education, provide Blue Cross and Blue Shield protection for the family, give the family an annual Christmas party with gifts for all and a \$100 Savings Bond to each child under 18 years and, if they have not received the Federal allowance, \$2000 to each child on attaining the age of 21 years. Other benefits are also provided.

Aside from the knowledge that we have assisted the family of one who has sacrificed his life for the benefit of the community, our only returns for our dues are our Spring and Fall dinners. We were very fortunate in 1978 and 1979 in having H. Stuart Knight and William H. Webster, respectively, as speakers at our Fall meetings.

Our Board of Directors has asked that I write you and extend to you an invitation to be the speaker at our 1980 Fall meeting, which is usually held during the month of November. We will, of course, take care of the expenses of your trip here and of your stay in St. Louis. Subject to our being able to obtaining reservations at the Park Plaza Hotel, the date for the meeting would be at your convenience, though we would recommend that a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening would be preferred.

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Bill Webster, who comes from the St. Louis area, is well acquainted with The Backstoppers and we suggest you might give him a call relative to our organization.

We realize there are many demands upon your time, but we do hope that you will find it possible to address our group.

Very truly yours,


ALBERT E. CUNLIFF

Reply to:

Albert E. Cunliff

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